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Meeting Minutes 04/14/2008

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
 MINUTES OF MEETING
 7:30 PM O'NEILL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
 4/14/08

ATTENDEES:

McGaffigan		Dunn*	Phelps*	Mahoney
DeCoursey*	Connors*	Simmons	Bayer*	
Tosti*	Foskett*	Deyst*	Ronan*	
Ferrara	Franclemont*	Jones*	Olsen*	
DuBois*	Howard*	Fanning*	Carman*	Turkall*

* Indicates present

VISITORS: none

MINUTES of 3/24 & 3/26 approved w/ a correction to 3/26. Unanimous.

W&S EF: PubWorks SubCon(Ferrara) recommended, via the Chair, a \$350k increase to the capital line item and a \$65k increase to the sewer maintenance line item with a corresponding decrease in retained earnings. This request came from the Town Manager's office.

VOTED Expenses \$15,282,575, Revenue \$15,332,667. Unanimous.

ART 54 CAPITAL BUDGET: The CPC Chair, Charlie Foskett, recommended 3 changes to the budget voted on 3/5. All had been previously discussed w/ the FinCom. He adjusted the figures to reflect the final cost of the rink chiller overrun. He added a new section to make explicit a traditional practice by which the Town Manager may shift unused funds as needed in a given section of the capital budget. He added another new section that details proposed transfers of funds remaining in completed projects to a new project: planning Thompson (& Stratton) renovations. These funds total \$833,687. Next year any funds available from Peirce Field may also go into this account.

VOTED to approve these changes. Unanimous.

At this point Tosti yielded the chair to Foskett. Tosti did not participate in the following discussion.

ART 47 POBs: Foskett reviewed the Treasurer's 2/11 presentation on this article and the FinCom's vote. The Treasurer does not agree with this vote. He provided his recommended (and some supporting material) which would authorize the borrowing as well as the home rule petition. Foskett, the Manager & the Treasurer have discussed this matter but only reached partial agreement. Foskett presented a version of the Treasurer's vote which Foskett had edited to be consistent with the FinCom's vote on 3/17. There was considerable discussion. VOTED to approve the vote as presented by Foskett. 13-0-1.

At this point Tosti resumed the meeting chair.

BUD 15 ARB The Planning Director requested a \$3k increase in the Crosby School expense budget.

VOTED to approve this request. Unanimous. GenGov SubCon(Howard) to verify this request & veto if necessary.

BUD 18b ComSafe SubCon(Bayer) reported that he has accurate counts of each rank. If this leads to budget savings, he will increase the overtime budget.

ART 19 AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND: Patricia Worden sent Tosti a letter (forwarded to FinCom by email) explaining the need for a trust fund to safeguard any funds received from developers earmarked for affordable housing. Tosti reported that O'Brien thinks this is unnecessary. The FinCom declined to reconsider its no action vote taken 3/5.

ART 49 RECLASSIFICATION: VOTED \$13,515. Unanimous.

ART 72 STABILIZATION FUND VOTED to authorize the chair to fill in a number to balance the budget. Unanimous.

ART51: Tosti suggested that any savings in the Manager's budgets be applied to the future collective bargaining article.

VOTED to endorse this idea.

FINCOM REPORT DRAFT: Tosti walked the committee through the hard copy provided by Turkall. Foskett to verify the borrowing rescindings. Several corrections & improvements made. Additional changes needed by Sunday. COMMITTEE: Tosti requested subcommittees to let the Comptroller (Cindy Fields) know which line items had been changed. Tosti asked members to carefully review the hardcopy draft of the FinCom report by next Monday. The next meeting will be at 7:30 on the 2nd night of Town Meeting. A proposed wrapup dinner date is 6/11.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$274,943.28

Peter B Howard 4/15/08

cc FinCom Members, Selectmen, Town Manager, Comptroller, Library File, Town Web Site FinCom Web Site

VOTE SUMMARY – Articles

# 1/28	# 2/4	# 2/20	# 3/5	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Status (Unlisted votes were unanimous)
18	5	17	17	Bylaw Amend 1,1,2, Open Warrant	3/5		No report
27	7	19	19	Bylaw Amend Afford House Trust	3/5	3/5 4/14	No action
20	14	26	26	Bylaw Amend Snow Removal	2/25	3/26	No action
21	15	27	27	Bylaw Amend 1,18 Mtg Notices	2/4		No report.
63	39	40	41	Increase Accidental Death Benefit	2/4	2/4	Favorable action
64	40	41	42	Extend Benefits	2/4 2/20	2/4	No Action Dunn to write comment.
62	41	42	43	Pension Adjustments	2/4	2/4	Favorable action
66	43	43	44	Transfer to OPEB Funds	2/27	3/24	Favorable action.
65	42	43	45	Transfer OPEB Funds	2/4 3/5	3/5	No action
68	44	45	46	Borrowing for OPEB	2/11, 2/27, 3/24	3/24	\$50,000 11-1
67	45	46	47	Pension Obligation Funds	2/11, 2/27	3/17 4/14	15-1 w/ separate votes on constraints; 13-0-1
45	47	48	49	Positions reclassification	2/27	2/26 4/14	13515
43	48	49	50	Collective Bargaining	2/27,3/26	3/26	411300
44	49	50	51	Future Collective Bargaining	3/26	3/26	587500
46	51	52	53	Budgets			
47	52	53	54	Capital Budget	3/3	3/5, 3/26 4/14	5309490
		54	55	Thompson School	3/10	3/10	No action
	54	55	56	Swimming Pool	2/6	2/6	Favorable action \$0
55	55	56	57	Sewers	3/26	3/26	600000
56	56	57	58	Water	3/26	3/26	1300000
48	57	58	59	Rescind authority to borrow	3/3	3/3	2724175
50	58	59	60	Minuteman Tech	3/5	3/5	3153412
51	59	60	61	Town Celebrations			Twn Man
53	60	61	62	Committees & Commissions	2/27		Same as last year

		62	63	TAC Appropriation	2/20	2/20, 3/10	No action - rollover ok
52	62	63	64	Miscellaneous	2/27	3/10	12729
28	63	64	65	Town Water Bodies	2/27,3/10	3/10	15000 & favorable action on home rule
70	64	65	66	Harry Barber Service Program		3/10	7500 max 13-1
69	66	66	67	Local Option Taxes		3/10	No report at this time.
72	67	67	68	Tip Fee Stab Fund		3/10	680000
58	68	68	69	Tip Fund Money Appropriation	2/6	2/6	No action
73	69	69	70	Cemetery		3/10	190000
74	70	70	71	Overlay Reserve Surplus		3/10	500000
75	71	71	72	Stabilization Fund		4/14	Chair to set to balance budget
76	72	72	73	Free Cash		3/10	1818787
59	73	73	74	Medicare Part D Reimbursement	2/6	2/6	No action 9-2
	74	74	75	CRB Report	2/6 2/11	2/6 2/11	Favorable Action Para 1 & 3 Request not require
57	75	75	76	Services to Non-Profits	2/6, 2/27	2/6	No report 9-1 Encourage followthrough
60	76	76	77	SPED	2/6	2/6	No action

VOTE SUMMARY-Budgets

#	Title	Date Heard	Date Voted	Amount	Vote Unlisted votes were unanimous
1	FinCom	2/11	2/11	10778	
2	Board of Selectmen	2/20	2/20	398558	
3	Town Manager	3/3	3/3	460104	
4	Personnel	3/3	3/3	190113	
5	Information Technology	2/27	2/27	525,813	
6	Comptroller	2/27	2/27	384,443	
7	Treasurer	3/17	3/17	577693	15-0-1
8	Postage	3/17	3/17	159382	15-0-1
9	Assessors	3/3	3/3	301270	
10	Legal	2/20	2/20	460047	
11	Town Clerk	3/3	3/3	234177	
12	Registrar of Voters	3/3, 3/26	3/26	65916	
13	Parking	3/17	3/17	99243	15-0-1
14	Planning	3/10	3/17	228266	
15	Redevelopment Board	3/10	3/10, 4/14	331223	
16	Zoning Board of Appeals	2/11	2/11	23311	

17	Public Works	2/11	3/17	6775374	
17a	Street Lights	2/20	2/20	418893	
18a	Community Safety Admin	3/17	3/17	373299	
18b	Police	3/17	3/17	5487813	
18c	Fire	3/10	3/10	5009209	9-5
18d	Support	3/17	3/17	684043	
19	Inspections	3/17	3/17	351192	
20	Education	2/25	3/17	37878871	
21	Library	2/20	2/20	1898988	
22a	Health & Human Services	3/10	3/10	276376	
22b	Veterans	3/10	3/10	236934	
22c	COA	3/10	3/10	143322	
23	Retirement	3/17	3/17	6951511	
24	Insurance	3/24	3/24	16770240	
25	Reserve Fund	2/20	2/20	450000	
W&S EF	Ex15282575 Rev15332667	3/24	3/24		
Rec EF	Ex 655,016 Rev 689,060	3/24	3/24		
Rnk EF	Ex 521391 Rev 623073	3/24	3/24		
COA EF	Ex109543, Rev109593	3/10	3/10	0	
Youth EF	Ex 486424, Rev192832	3/17	3/17	293592	